



Surplus Dog Finds Happy Home by Shelli Stephenson

Lucy a bloodhound retired from service for the State of Utah Department of Corrections, was looking for a loving home. Upon notice, Shelli Stephenson at State Surplus Property sent out an announcement to all state employees and the second the message went out, calls and emails started coming in by the droves. One call we received was from a state employee requesting information for his wife who works for the State Veteran's Nursing Home. They were looking for a friendly, older dog to live at the nursing home as a companion to the patients. One of the concerns Colleen Nichols, hospital administrator had, was how Lucy and Digit-Digit the residing cat would get along. Digit-Digit is a 3-year old cat that rules the main floor of the nursing home. As it turns out, they are still getting used to each other. Lucy lives downstairs in the Alzheimer unit. She has access to her own backyard with plenty of grass and a surrounding chain link fence. The north fence is shared with a pre-school daycare center, so Lucy gets lots of attention when she is outside from the students and when she is inside from the patients.



Lucy is an 8-year old bloodhound and she was trained by the Department of Corrections for tracking purposes. Being an older dog, she had a hard time meeting the physical requirements of the job. Now, she is looking forward to being spoiled in her retirement years.

She is working out

very well and they are extremely happy to have the latest resident. The Surplus Agency is grateful that Lucy will serve a useful purpose at the Veterans facility and this facility will provide a happy, loving home for Lucy's retirement years.